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SUBJ: EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION BIDS SOUGHT FOR OCCUPIED
- SINAI TERRITORY

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1. EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION (EGPC) AGREE-
MENTS DIRECTOR IBRAHIM RADWAN INFORMED US JULY 10 THAT
EGPC HAS FORMALLY ASKED FOR BIDS FOR EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION
RIGHTS IN AREA ALONG SOUTHERN SINAI (GULF OF SUEZ) COAST
RUNNING FROM RAS MUHAMED TO SUEZ. (DEPARTMENT WILL
RECALL CONOCO'S INTEREST IN THIS AREA--SEE REFS.) RADWAN
CONFIRMED THAT CONOCO AS WELL AS UNIDENTIFIED BRITISH
COMPANY HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED BIDS IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 29
NOTIFICATION. BID DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15. EGPC PLANS
TO NEGOTIATE STANDARD LANGUAGE WHICH RELIEVES COMPANY OF
EXPLORATION RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL ACCESS TO THE AREA
IS GAINED.

2. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, BOTH MOBIL AND GENERAL
PETROLEUM CORPORATION (GPC) HAVE CARRIED OUT EXPLORATION
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ACTIVITIES IN THIS COASTAL REGION OF SINAI IN CONCESSION
AREAS WHICH GRANTED TO THEM BEFORE 1967 AND WHICH LIE
SOUTH OF LINE E AND WEST OF LINE M ON SINAI II DISENGAGE-
MENT MAP. PRESUMABLY AREA GRANTED UNDER UPCOMING AGREE-
MENT AND WHICH ALSO FALLS WEST OF LINE M AND SOUTH OF LINE
E WILL BE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE UNCLEAR AS TO
WHETHER UN APPROVAL FOR ACCESS WILL BE NECESSARY IN CASE

OF NEW CONCESSION. MOBIL AND GPC SEEM TO HAVE HAD NO
PROBLEM WITH UN IN CARRYING OUT THEIR NEW EXPLORATION WORK
IN THIS AREA.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING BY AIRGRAM MAP SHOWING PRECISE AREA
TO BE BID UPON. CALL FOR BIDS ALSO INCLUDES AREAS IN
NORTHERN GULF OF SUEZ WHICH AMOCO AND DEMINEX HAVE
RECENTLY RELINQUISHED. EILTS

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